



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): Mark Paul Everson et al. )  
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For: METHOD OF OPTIMIZING MARKET )  
AND INSTITUTIONAL RISKS IN )  
FOREIGN EXCHANGE HEDGING )  
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**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: